

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Energy Code; amending Section 22.700.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adopting by reference Chapters 51-11C and 51-11R of the Washington Administrative Code, and amending certain sections of those chapters; and repealing Ordinance 124614 and Sections 2-9 of Ordinance 124284.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation adopts the 2015 Seattle Energy Code, consisting of the 2015 Washington State energy Conservation Code and Seattle amendments. The Code is made up of a Commercial Energy Code and a Residential Energy Code.

This legislation is one of nine coordinated bills that regulate construction and use of buildings in Seattle. Seven are prepared by the Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI): the Seattle Building, Residential, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Energy, Boiler and Existing Building codes. The eighth bill adopts the 2015 Plumbing Code, which is administered by Public Health – Seattle and King County. These codes are the current state and national standards for building construction. The ninth bill adopting the 2015 Seattle Fire Code is being heard by the Gender Equity, Safe Communities & New Americans Committee. These codes are the current state and national standards for building construction.

Except for the Boiler Code, new editions of these codes are adopted by the State every 3 years, and State law requires local jurisdictions to enforce them. Seattle adds local amendments to the State codes. The Boiler Code is unique to Seattle, and is not based on a model code. A list of the most significant Seattle amendments is included in Attachment A.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

No.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

There is no cost if the legislation is not implemented.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Some incentive programs offered by Seattle City Light may need to be modified to incorporate this more stringent code baseline. City departments that build or alter buildings or mechanical systems will be required to meet the updated construction standards.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

No. Over time, energy expenditures for tenants will be reduced.

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

This legislation supports the goals of the Climate Action Plan and other Council resolutions.

j) Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below:

Attachment A: Summary of 2015 Seattle Energy Code Proposal